

What is Claimed is:

1. A client apparatus for displaying a page made in a markup language by a browser, comprising:

5 a comment information appending unit appending desired comment information to any arbitrary place in said page;

10 a comment information separating unit separating said comment information appended by the comment information appending unit from said page;

a comment information storing unit storing said comment information separated by the comment information separating unit; and

15 a comment information merging unit merging said comment information stored by the comment information storing unit.

20 2. A client apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said place is at least one of either a specified tag of the markup language, a specified character string or graphical information.

25 3. A client apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein desired comment information is appended to said place by displaying it in at least one of either a specified

tag of the markup language, a specified character string or graphical information as the arbitrary place for the markup language that is being displayed in the client apparatus at present and also by merging specified tag and displaying it on a browser.

4. A client apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said comment information consists of at least one of either character string information, graphical information, signature/certification information or hypertext link information, and it can be distributed, jointly owned or transferred via a network or a recording medium.

5. A client apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said hypertext link information includes a shortcut function to a network or a bookmark function to a Web page.

6. A client apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said specified tag includes, as tag information, not only link information to call said comment information when said place is clicked on, but also at least one of anchor mark information appended to said place, or information about pointer-shape variation occurring

according to the pointer movement to said place.

7. A client apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the comment information separating unit retains, as said
5 comment information, at least place information of the comment information, comment text, expression information of said place and address information of the page including said place.

10 8. A client apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the comment information merging unit obtains the page including said place based on the comment information read from the comment information unit, said place of this obtained page is merged with said specialized tag
15 and displayed on the browser, and at least said comment is merged with said page and displayed on the browser when said place of this displayed page is clicked on.

9. A recording medium recording a program for a client
20 apparatus that displays a page made by a markup language using a browser, executing following processes:

appending desired comment information to a desired place on the page of the markup language that is being viewed with a browser;

25 separating said comment information from the

markup language in said page;

storing said separated comment information; and

merging the stored comment information with a
desired page of said markup language.

5 10. A recording medium according to Claim 9, wherein
said place is at least one of either a specified tag
of the markup language, a specified character string
or graphical information.

10 11. A recording medium according to Claim 9, wherein
said comment information consists of at least one of
either character string information, graphical
information, signature/certification information or
hypertext link information, and it can be distributed,
15 jointly owned or transferred via a network or a recording
medium.

12. A recording medium according to Claim 9, wherein
said hypertext link information includes a shortcut
20 function to a network or a bookmark function to a Web
page.

13. A client apparatus that displays a page made in
a markup language, comprising:
25 a storing unit storing comment information

associated with a page;

a judging unit judging whether there is any comment information related to a page; and

5 a display controlling unit setting said page and said comment information that can be displayed by said client apparatus when there is said comment information related to said page.

10 14. A client apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein said comment information includes address information of the related address, specified place information in said page and a comment text, and said display controlling unit sets the comment text that can be displayed by the client apparatus in association with the specified place
15 information in said page.

20 15. A client apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein the display controlling unit displays comment text corresponding to said specified place information according to an instruction that specified place information in a displayed page should be detected.

25 16. A recording medium recording a program executed by a client apparatus that displays a page made in a markup language, executing the following processes:

judging whether there is any comment information related to said page, and setting said page and said comment information that can be displayed by said client apparatus when there is any comment information related to said page.

17. A recording medium according to Claim 16, wherein said comment information includes address information of the related address, specified place information in said page and comment text, and said program executes the process of setting the comment text that can be displayed by the client apparatus in association with the specified place information in said page.

18. A recording medium recording said program according to Claim 17, wherein said program displaying comment text corresponding to said specified place information according to an instruction that specified place information in a displayed page should be detected.

19. A display method for displaying a comment as well as a page made in a markup language, executing the following processes:

judging whether there is any comment information related to the displayed page;

setting the page and the comment information that can be displayed by the client apparatus when there is any comment information related to the page; and

5 displaying the comment information corresponding to the instructed place according to an instruction that said displayed page should be detected.

20. A client apparatus displaying a page made in a markup language, wherein

10 an instructing unit instructing that said page indicated by an address included in the instructed comment information should be obtained; and

15 a display controlling unit setting said comment information that can be displayed by said client apparatus in association with specified place information in said page information having been obtained by the above-mentioned instruction based upon the specified place information included in said comment information.

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21. A recording medium recording a program executed by a client apparatus that displays a page made in a markup language, and executing the following processing:

25 instructing that the page indicated by an address included in the instructed comment information should

be obtained; and

5 setting said comment information to be displayable
in association with specified place information in the
page information that has been obtained by said
instruction based upon specified place information
included in said comment information.

10 22. A display method for displaying a comment as well
as a page made in a markup language, executing the
following processes:

 detecting instructed comment information;

 instructing that a page indicated by an address
included in the instructed comment information should
be obtained;

15 setting comment information to be displayable in
association with specified place information in the page
information that has been obtained by said instruction;
and

20 displaying comment information corresponding to
said instructed place according to an instruction that
said displayed page should be detected.

23. A client apparatus displaying a page made in a
markup language, having:

25 a detecting unit detecting a specified place in

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making a file consisting of the address information in said page, information about said place in said page and said comment.